

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Fish Tales

A GIANT Ray 20 feet across and a shark with a fin two feet tall seen in Hongkong—Fish tales? Not exactly. Not the greatest living fish expert on earth would deny that there are such phenomena. Perhaps there has been a slight exaggeration in size—but the truth of the headline "Junk Bay Monster Rums Away With Yacht" is not in doubt even though that delightful humorist, Mr. James Thurber might have imagined a huge serpent-like monster racing through the waves at top speed with the unfortunate yacht tucked underneath a fin! We can now say Hongkong has had visitations from the denizens of the deep and in the same way as Loch Ness and the Anglers' Retreat, the Colony has attained immortality. Our children's children will be able to say: "Yes, in 1954 a huge 100 foot monster pulled a big ocean liner three times around the harbour by its anchor"—for embellishment, and improvement on the original are sure to come with the passing of time. It is, we appreciate, something of a blow to Hongkong's pride to learn that the creature that gave Mr. Bruestlein such a fright last Monday is not really dangerous. No sting in its tail, the expert assures us, and really it has a very delicate appetite. Its diet consists of plankton and small fish. We take the expert's word for it but we remind our readers of the old saying: It's folly to be wise—there's no need to excite its interest by swimming too near! And the shark with the two-foot fin? He must have been enormous—at least a 40-footer! Encyclopaedia Britannica assures us that it could only have come from the fathomless depths of the Pacific. We recall the occasion when a big ocean liner en route to Australia was suddenly brought to a halt in mid-ocean after colliding with just such a shark as this. The liner's captain swore it was 40-50 feet long. The captain reported that the gills became embedded on the ship's bows. Unable to release the monster the ship proceeded on its course to Fremantle where the crew discovered that only the head and part of the body remained. For the benefit of sceptical reporters the captain surmised that the helpless fish must have been attacked and eaten by other sharks. Fish tales? Maybe, but they make good stories!

TUNISIA ROW BREWING IN FRANCE

Protest Move By 115 Deputies Against Premier

Paris, Aug. 3. Hostility to M. Pierre Mendes-France's "home rule for Tunisia," policy took a menacing turn tonight when 115 right-wing deputies led by ex-Premier Antoine Pinay came out with a vehement protest.

They will seek to rally independents, Gaullists and Conservatives against the Premier in next Tuesday's Tunisia debate. They accuse him of abolishing treaties, linking France and the Tunisian protectorate without consulting Parliament.

To aggravate M. Mendes-France's problems a wave of unrest is sweeping Morocco, where 11 people were killed when hundreds of demonstrators surged through the oil town of Petitjean demanding the return of the banished former Sultan, Mohammed Ben Youssef.

The home rule offer to Tunisia is believed to have encouraged extremists to step up their pressure in Morocco, a Reuter message from Rabat said.

In Geneva, Paris and Tunis leaders of the outlawed Neo-Destour Nationalist Party of Tunisia met tonight to discuss strategy. Their Assistant Secretary-General, Aly El Belhassen, said at Geneva airport: "We shall examine the real content of the French proposals but we have the impression that they are really serious this time."

At the same time he sounded the warning: "The Opposition in France and among the French in Tunisia is very powerful."

A SURPRISE
Habib Bourguiba, the exiled leader of the party, announced today from his home in Montargis, near Paris, that the Neo-Destour would give full support to Tahar Ben Ammar, Moderate Nationalist who has been appointed new Premier of Tunisia.

Ben Ammar surprised political quarters in Tunis tonight by submitting a tentative Cabinet list to the Bey at his Carthage palace only 24 hours after being named Premier.

It had been expected that he would await the outcome of Neo-Destour conferences in Europe before presenting a list. Before seeing the Bey he negotiated for an hour and a half with Neo-Destour leaders released only yesterday from house arrest.

JUIN'S SUPPORT
In Tuesday's debate in the French Assembly many potential critics will be silenced by the fact that the Premier's Tunisian policy has been fully endorsed by Marshal Alphonse Juin, known as a staunch friend of France.

of French settlers in North Africa. The speed with which the new Tunisian Government has been formed will also strengthen the Premier's hand. Earlier today, the Radicals, M. Mendes-France's own party, held a stormy meeting in which the Premier only just managed to keep his critics from voting a motion hostile to the Government's Tunisian policy.

The Tunisian issue will come up next Tuesday in the National Assembly when the "Tunisians Lobby" may make its first determined attempt to bring down the Mendes-France Cabinet.

M. Mendes-France faces a Parliamentary battle on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday's debate is on his request for far-reaching special powers to revolutionise France's economy.—Reuter.

Death Roll In Morocco Rises To 21

Rabat, Aug. 3. Eleven people were killed in demonstrations for the return of ex-Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef in the town of Petitjean, 100 miles from here today. Six of them were Jews, killed when hundreds of Moroccan demonstrators sacked Jewish shops.

The mob set fire to the shops and threw their victims' bodies into the flames. Five of the demonstrators died in clashes with the police and about 30 wounded.

Today's incidents brought to 21 the death toll in disturbances in different parts of the territory in the last three days.

The mob today clubbed two Jews to death with iron bars and killed four other Jews including a boy aged 12 in bloody rioting.

Two of the mob were slain in vicious fighting as an estimated 800 Moroccans, carrying banners calling for the return of the banished Sultan, Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, rampaged through the Jewish quarter.

20 INJURED
The police said some 20 other persons were injured. The sudden, murderous flare-up of the age-old enmity between Jews and Arabs sorely taxed the police forces at Petitjean. The local gendarmerie consisted of three French police inspectors, six Moroccan auxiliary gendarmes and some 10 armed patrolmen.

But security forces poured into the town to reinforce them and, in firing on the mob to disperse it, killed two and seriously wounded another two. One of the latter was a Moroccan. Finally was restored but as one policeman put it, "Unfortunately too late." —Reuter and United Press.

Hillary's Request To Peking

Bombay, Aug. 4. Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Everest and leader of the 1954 New Zealand Himalayan expedition, has asked Peking if he can make an attempt on Everest from the northern route leading from Tibet.

Mr. George Lowe, member of the New Zealand expedition, said before leaving Bombay for England he was neither hopeful nor pessimistic about permission being granted.

"There is nothing like trying," he added. The fact that Everest had been conquered once would not make the task of climbing to its top again easier, he added. The element of luck always counted.—Reuter.

Pilot's Vain Bid To Avoid Disaster

6 Injured In Jet Crash

New York, Aug. 3. An Air Force F-84 Thunderjet fighter-bomber crashed into the south shore of the Long Island community today, damaging homes and injuring at least six persons, three of them small children.

The pilot, Captain William W. Land, of the 173rd Ferry Squadron at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, was blown to bits in his efforts to steer clear of his crippled plane away from the homes of the Long Island community of 6,000, 28 miles from New York City.

The plane dug a crater in a street and its exploding fuel set fire to several homes. The deafening explosion that rocked the area damaged eight houses, shattering windows and demolishing at least one automobile.

Some of the injured were burned seriously by the explosion, which showered the neighbourhood of modest post-war homes with flaming fuel and wreckage.

DEVELOPED TROUBLE
Fire apparatus and emergency equipment were summoned from nearby communities and from Mitchell Air Force Base. The Meadowbrook Hospital at nearby East Meadow reported that three children and one adult had been received in its emergency room.

Air Force officials at nearby Mitchell Field said Captain W. Land's plane developed trouble 10,000 feet over Wantagh, as he flew with three other F-84 planes from Dover to Bangor, Maine. The Republic F-84G, a single-jet, straight-wing craft capable of refueling in the air, is the first fighter designed by the Air Force to carry the atomic bomb.—United Press.

Koreans Demonstrate Against Truce Team

Seoul, Aug. 3. About 1,600 young Koreans this afternoon staged three major demonstrations at Taegu and Pusan demanding immediate withdrawal of Communist members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission.

The U.S. Army Korean communications zone headquarters said 150 Koreans staged the demonstrations in front of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission Pusan inspection team quarters north of Pusan.

In Taegu, 1,200 demonstrators marched through the centre of the town and later drove truckloads of demonstrators chanting slogans in front of the United States Army Korean communications zone headquarters where truce inspectors are billeted.

NO VIOLENCE
American military police lined up in front of the gate and the demonstrators did not attempt to enter. An Army spokesman said "there was no violence at any time."

But in Pusan the senior Communist delegate declared that the United Nations was violating the truce agreement "by allowing" South Koreans to demonstrate their dislike of the Poles and Czechs.

United Nations senior delegate Rear-Admiral T. B. Brittain replied to the charge made by Lt. General Lee Sang-cho. He told the Reds "all steps have been taken to protect the Neutral Nations inspection teams."

Today's demonstrations were the latest of a series of demonstrations and incidents in protest against the presence of Communist members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission since last Friday.

Last Friday the South Korean Provisional Marshal General Won Yung Duk issued a statement demanding the immediate withdrawal of Polish and Czech members of NNSSC teams in South Korea.

The demonstrations and incidents involving fire arms occurred at four of five parts of entry in South Korea in the past five days.

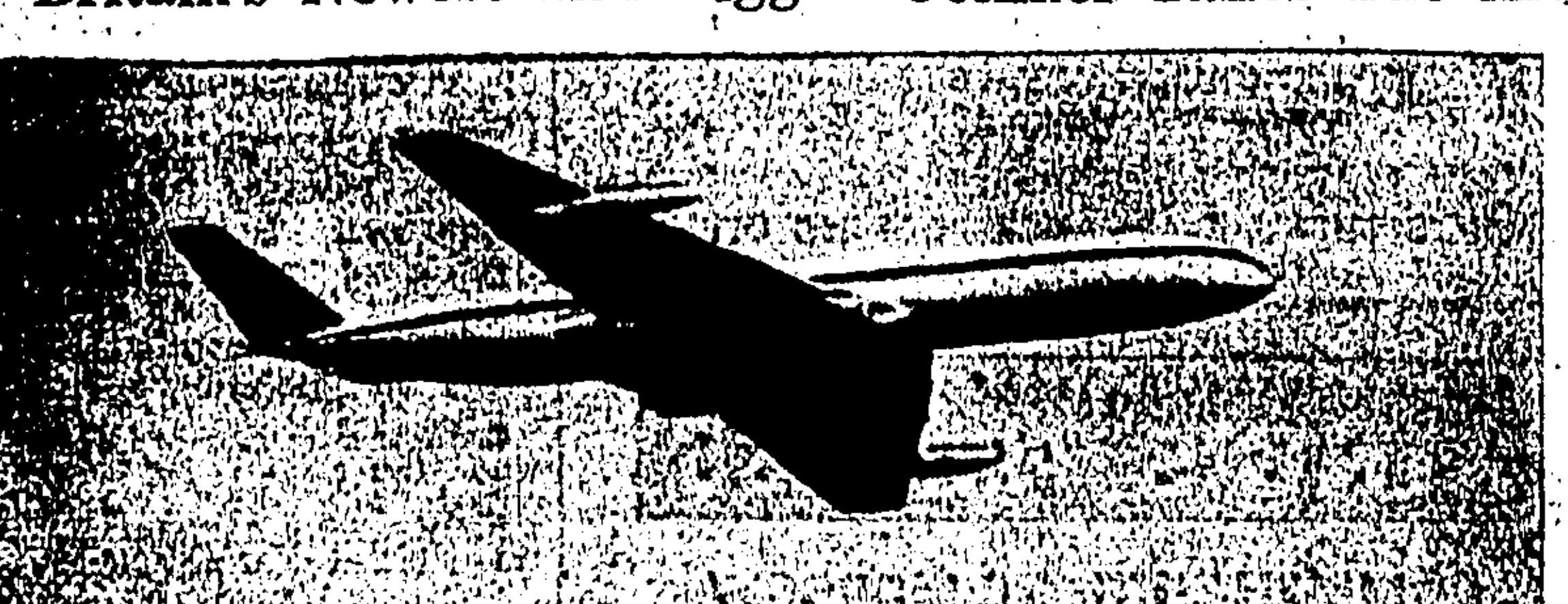
Only Kaesong on the east coast had no incidents.—Reuter and United Press.

23 Killed In Train Derailment

Lisbon, Aug. 3. Twenty three Africans have been killed and 21 injured in a train derailment in Abgola, West Africa, according to the Portuguese News Agency today. One European is also reported to have been injured.

The accident took place between the port of Mossamedes in up-country Banderina, France-Press.

Britain's Newest and Biggest Jetliner Takes The Air



Britain's new Comet, the Mark 111—twice as powerful as the Comet 1 is airborne for the first time. Piloted by Group Captain John Cunningham, she was in the air for 85 minutes on her maiden flight. With a much longer nose, she has room for 70 passengers, and wing fuel tanks giving it a 50% increase on the range of the Comet 1—3,800 miles. Weighing 67 tons she can cross the Atlantic with only one stop and has a cruising speed of 60 miles an hour faster than the Comet 1.—Express Photo.

Mr Bruestlein Might have been worried but

The 'Junk Bay Monster' Was Not A Dangerous Ray

The 'Junk Bay Monster', a giant ray fish measuring about 20 ft across, which towed a five-ton yacht for more than a mile in the harbour on Monday was a Devil Ray or a Giant Manta, but unlike its smaller brother, the sting ray, it was not dangerous.

This is the opinion of the Hongkong Fisheries Officer, Mr. T. Gorazdowski.

Here are some other facts about Hongkong's big fish: the big sharks generally weigh about 600 to 600 lbs, the smaller ones, 150-200 lbs. The sharks seen and caught off Hongkong are mostly harmless but there are Tiger sharks which are dangerous.

But if you think Hongkong waters are dangerous, Mr. T. Gorazdowski has this comforting message: "You can't compare our waters with those of Sydney, West Africa or the Red Sea."

Yesterday the China Mail asked Mr. Gorazdowski questions about the 'Monster' and big sharks sighted off Hongkong recently. Here is what he told us:

DIFFICULT TO SAY
"It's very difficult to say whether more sharks have been sighted this year than last year. If more have actually been sighted and caught it is only because there are more fishing boats and fishermen trying to catch them."

"There are three purely shark catchers operating off Hongkong and two more operating off Cheung Chau this year. They didn't catch these sharks close to the shore, either. Last year, only occasional catches were made."

Mr. Gorazdowski said there were no records the Fisheries Department could rely upon to give an accurate picture as to whether there were more sharks than usual this year or whether the sharks were generally any bigger this year than last year.

WATER MORE SALTY?
If there were more sharks closer in shore this year, this might be because the weather had been extremely dry and the water more salty. If this was so the sharks could have been attracted closer in shore. The big sharks sighted off Hongkong were generally between 500 to 600 lbs in weight whereas the smaller ones were generally 150-200 lbs. On the whole the sharks sighted and caught in Hongkong were mostly harmless (probably banking sharks), but he had seen several Tiger sharks and this species did exist here.

"They are dangerous," he said. "But you can't compare Hongkong waters with those of Sydney, the Red Sea or West Africa where sharks abound in hundreds and thousands," he said.

Discussing the Ray fish, Mr. Gorazdowski said these were found all over the world. The smaller sting rays did not bite but had a spike tail which could inflict a painful—even fatal wound.

NOT DANGEROUS
The 'Junk Bay monster' he said, was probably a Devil Ray or Giant Manta and these were enormous. Although they grew to about two tons, however, he thought the size of the ray which dragged Mr. Bruestlein's yacht, Bettina had been slightly exaggerated.

It was difficult to say whether they abounded in Hongkong waters in any numbers. Generally it was only by accident that a trawler caught them.

"However these big fellows are not dangerous. They don't bite and they don't have a poisonous spike like the smaller ones. They feed on plankton and small fish."

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THREE ASIAN NATIONS REJECT INVITATION TO SEATO TALKS

India, Ceylon And Indonesia Reply

Manila, Aug. 3. The Philippine Vice-President and Foreign Secretary, Mr Carlos Garcia, announced today that India, Ceylon, and Indonesia had formally rejected the Philippine invitation to attend the proposed American sponsored Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation Conference, tentatively set for the first week in September.

He added that the remaining Colombo powers, Pakistan and Burma, might also decline.

Mr. Garcia said that the Philippine Embassy in Washington was handling the preliminary negotiations for the conference. Definitely committed to the United States, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, and the Philippines, the Philippines had the best hope of securing the necessary support for the SEATO pact.

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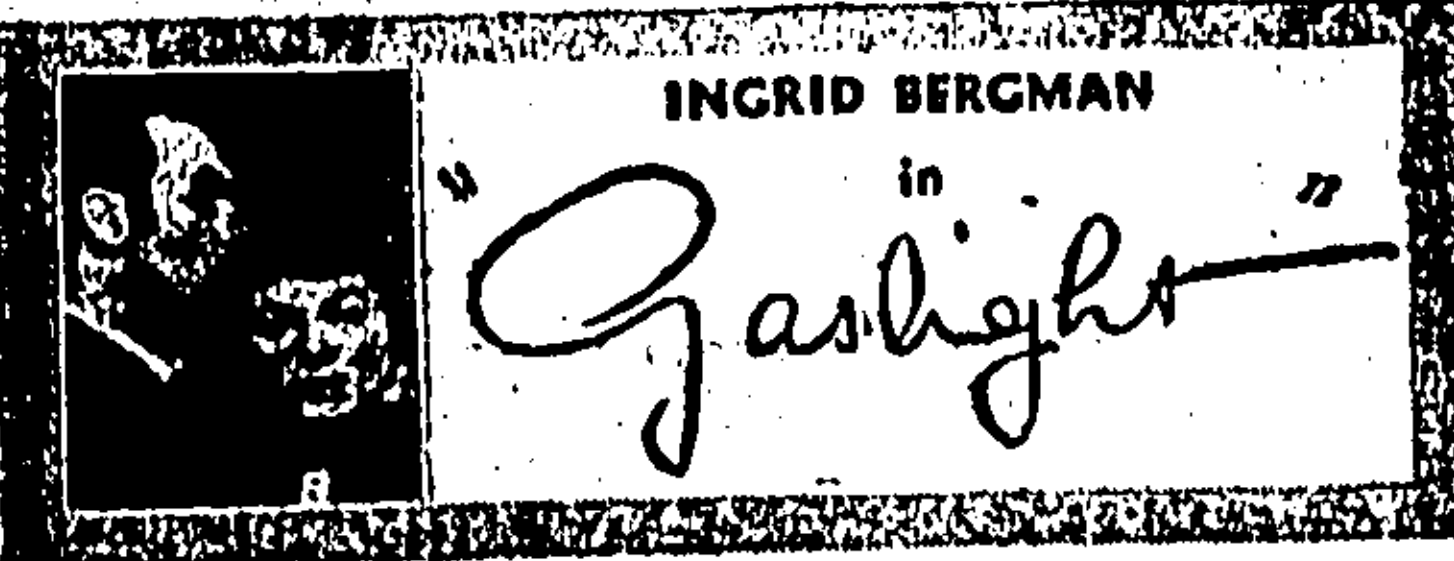
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India Will Not Attend Nairobi Talks

Nairobi, Aug. 3.

India will be the only Commonwealth country not represented at the Commonwealth Parliamentary conference here on August 21, it was officially announced tonight.

Conference sources said this amounted to a "virtual boycott" of the conference by India.

Sir Howard Deville, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, who arrived here tonight, said the Indians had declined the invitation "because of an important Parliamentary session" this month. He described the decision as "very disappointing."

Conference sources said there were two reasons for India's refusal to send delegates: security forces breaking into the Indian Commissioner's office here last April and the fact that South Africa was a joint conference host with Kenya, Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

At the conference members of Parliament from 25 Commonwealth countries will discuss international affairs, common defence, Commonwealth co-operation and economic, financial and political matters.

The April incident referred to by conference sources occurred in the course of "Operation Anvil" — an anti-Mau Mau drive when men of the Kenya Regiment forced their way into the office of Mr Raj Krishna Tandon, India's Acting Commissioner. Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said at the time that India regarded the incident as of "a grave nature."

General Sir George Erskine, Commander-in-Chief in East Africa, and the then Acting Governor, Sir Frederick Crawford, apologised to Mr Tandon for the incident.

Sir Frederick Crawford also offered the Government's "humble apologies" to the Indian Government and agreed to pay compensation for damage caused by the troops.—Reuter.

Australia Wants Tariff Increases

Canberra, Aug. 3.

Australian textile manufacturers are seeking increased tariff protection of imported yarns, woollens and worsted piece goods and blankets.

The Associated Chambers of Manufacturers have announced they have asked the Minister for Trade and Customs for a tariff board enquiry into present tariff applying to these textiles. The Chamber's assistant director, Mr R. W. C. Anderson, said existing tariffs had lost their effectiveness owing to the domestic industry's higher costs which were now completely out of step with costs in other manufacturing countries.

Mr Anderson said manufacturers would show the tariff board that increases in the present duty rates of between 300 and 1,500 per cent were essential to preserve domestic industry. The main increase to be sought would be on woollen and worsted piece goods from six pence per square yard and 12½ to 22½ per cent ad valorem to five shillings per square yard and 33½ per cent ad valorem.—Reuter.

Rhee Asks For Justice

United Nations, Aug. 3.

The South Korean President, Dr Syngman Rhee, said here today "Some people say peace at any price. I say justice at any cost."

Dr Rhee made the statement to the press during his visit to the United Nations headquarters. He also suggested that the United Nations Charter should be revised "so as to permit only the democratic nations to belong to the world organizations."

Dr Rhee, who was received by the United Nations Secretary General, Dr Dag Hammarskjöld, added that in his opinion, "only the democratic nations" should be members of the United Nations, which should punish the "nations behaving like gangsters".—France-Press.

Laycock Will Succeed Creasy

London, Aug. 4.

The Queen has approved the appointment of Major-General Robert Edward Laycock as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malaya in succession of Sir Gerald Creasy. It was announced in London today.

The Queen has also directed General Laycock to be appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George.

General Laycock, 47-year-old Londoner, was educated at Eton and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

He joined the Royal Horse Guards in 1927 and was chief of combined operations from 1943 until he retired from the Army four years later.—Reuter.

ADVISORY GROUP FOR TAIWAN

Washington, Aug. 3.

Director of foreign operations Harold E. Stassen, at the request of the government of the Republic of China (Nationalists), has appointed a special economic advisory group to make a study of major aspects of the economy of Formosa.

The six-man group expects to arrive at Taipei on August 10. The group's study will deal with fundamental economic problems affecting Formosa. It will function in an advisory capacity to the Chinese government, reporting directly to the Prime Minister of China O. K. Yui.—France-Press.

THE DEBUTANT PRINCESS



This is one of a special series of pictures taken at Cop-pins, Iwer, Bucks, the home of the Duchess of Kent, of Her Royal Highness with her daughter, Princess Alexandra, who is making her debut this year. The young Princess, who has inherited much of her mother's beauty, has already made a hit with the public at the engagements so far carried out. The picture shows Princess Alexia's of pictures taken at Cop-pins.—Central Press Photo.

Little Affection For Red Authors & Poets

Berlin, Aug. 3.

There is still, apparently, little sympathy between manual and intellectual "shock workers" in Communist-ruled East Germany in spite of official encouragement.

Not long ago, the trade unions complained that authors and poets did not visit factories.

Now, the authors are complaining that when they do so, the workers turn their backs on them.

One author, Jan Koplowitz, cited two cases in an article in "Neues Deutschland", one of the leading Communist newspapers.

The first case occurred at the J. V. Stalin works, a huge electrical equipment factory in East Berlin. The shop committee recently asked the authors' union for a lecturer. One was appointed, discretion forbade Herr Koplowitz to name him.

The shop committee put up posters and sent out 400 personal invitations to the workers, but the lecturer found only three shop stewards and a cultural official in the factory's great "culture hall."

Even worse was the fate of another author, appointed to address the workers at an unnamed radio equipment factory in East Berlin.

PROCLAIMED MARTYR Dr Walter Polischek was invited to read from his book about a young West German Communist who was shot during a plot and has since been proclaimed a martyr in East Germany.

Several letters were exchanged with the organisers.

No Papers In Cyprus

Nicosia, Aug. 3.

Eight and left-wing Greek editors decided here today to suspend publication of all leading newspapers for one week, following the Government announcement yesterday of its intention to enforce the law against sedition.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the editors this morning at which a committee was elected to study the possibility of extending the period of suspension.—France-Press.

and they telephoned to him an hour before the appointed time to make sure that he was coming.

Dr Polischek never got past the factory gate. The watchman would not let him in. Dr Polischek telephoned to a factory official, only to learn that the lecture had been cancelled at the last minute in favour of a variety show.

East German authorities claim that they are doing all they can to make life easy and worthwhile for authors. A government survey this year said that the material situation of German authors had never been so favourable as it is today in East Germany.

PEAK INCOME

It cited Wolfgang Joho, author of the novel "The Road from Lüneburg", which ran to two editions of 10,000 copies each, at DM 8.10 (about 13s. 6d).

Joho, the survey said, received 12 per cent a total of 19,440 marks (about £1,020 sterling), on which he had to pay 14 per cent in taxes.

This, the survey added, equalled peak incomes in administration, commerce, or science.

The survey answered the question "Who is allowed to write in East Germany?" by saying that anyone who has time, talent and enthusiasm may do so. "The publication of a work depends entirely on whether a publisher will take it and whether the public will read it," it added.

Therein lies the snag, for most East German publishing houses are either state-owned or state-controlled and the only ones accepted are those approved by the firm Communist-dominated book committees.

All literature considered likely to provoke war or hatred between races or nations is banned. The survey claimed that 6201 titles, with more than 100,000 copies, were published in 1952.

Thrillers and adventure stories are published provided that they do not glorify the crimes of gangsters or inhuman brutalities.—China Mail Special.

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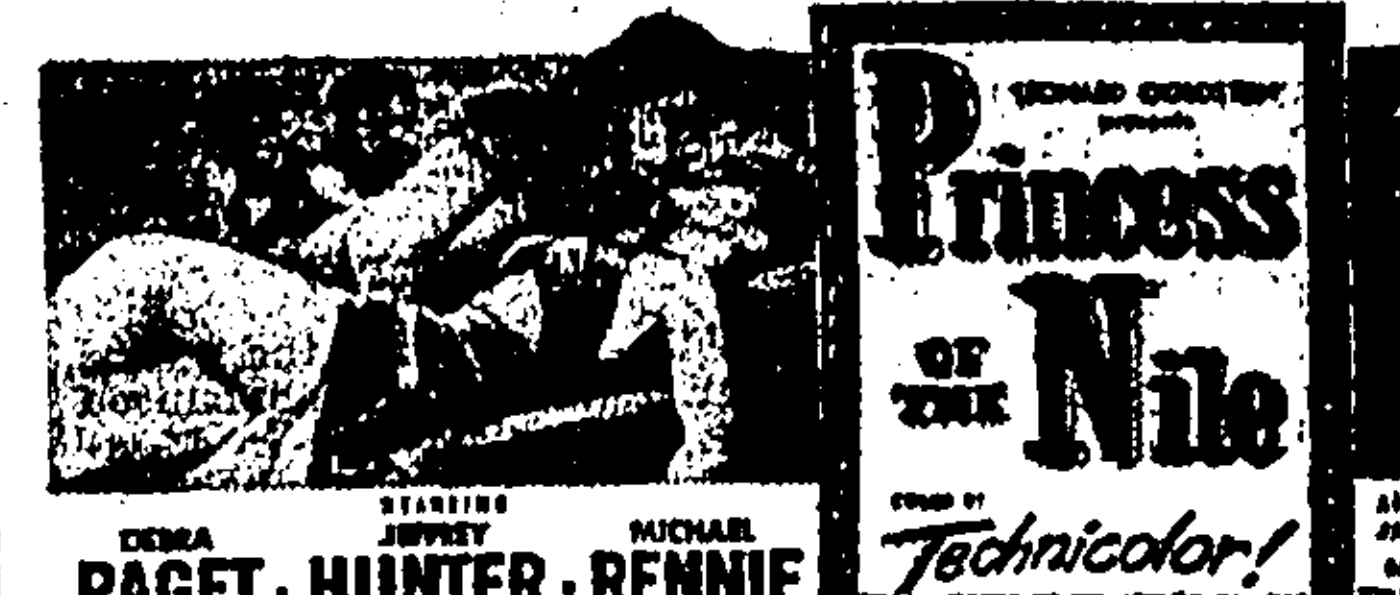
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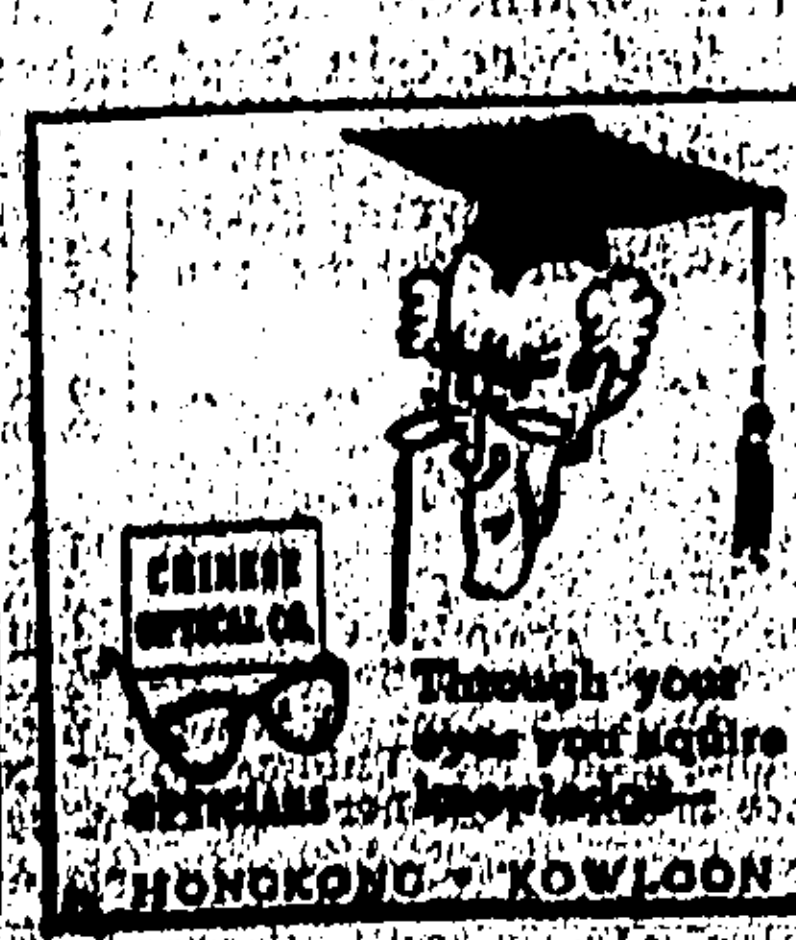
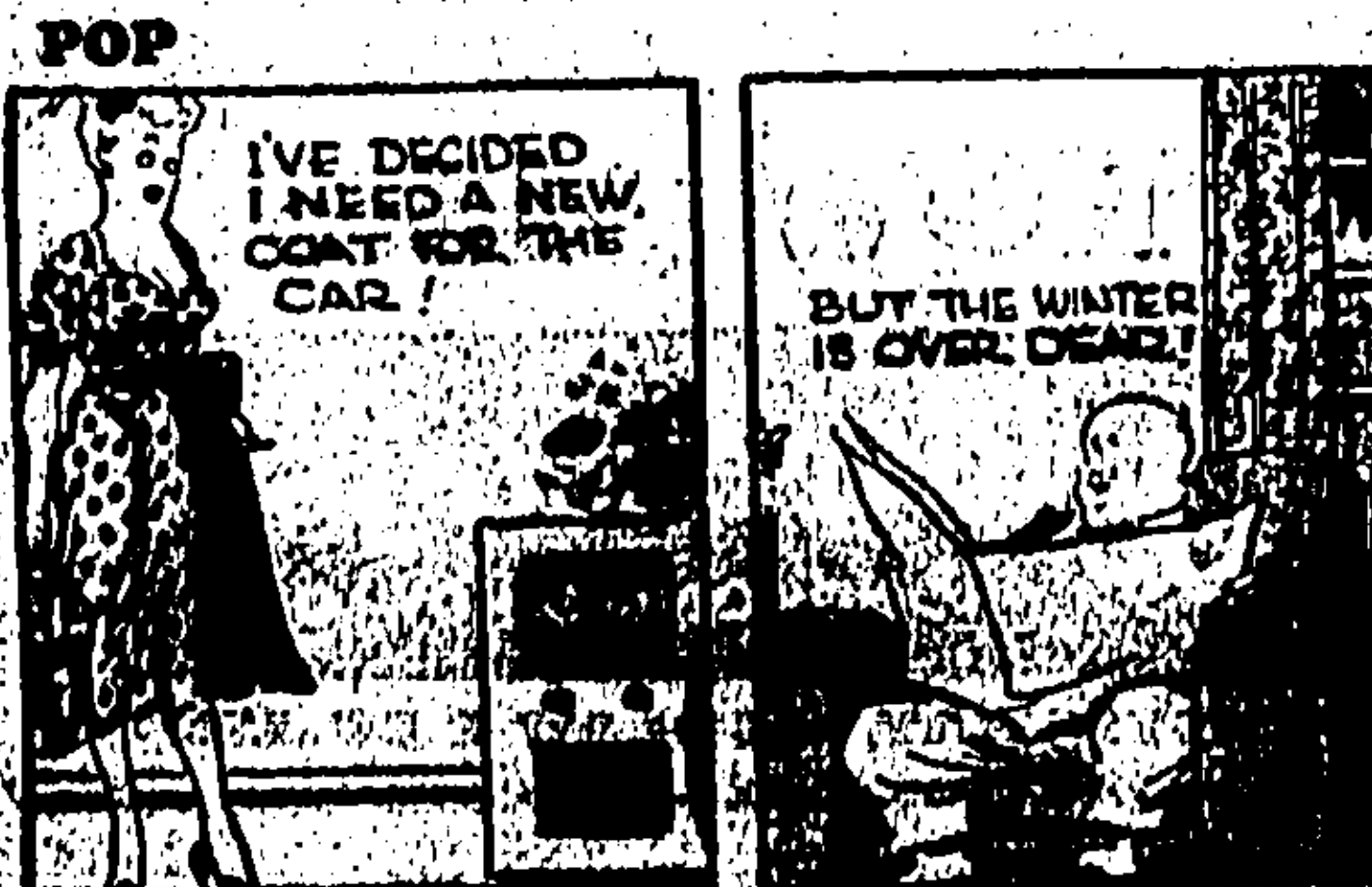
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'Reactionary' Plot

FIFTY PERSONS ARRESTED IN BOLIVIA

ISRAEL FOUND GUILTY

Jerusalem, Aug. 3. The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission today declared Israel guilty of the serious breaches of the armistice agreement with Jordan.

The commission described as an act of aggression the crossing by an Israeli force into Jordan town, some two and a half miles beyond the demarcation line. The incident took place shortly after midnight on July and involved the death of a national guardman, the wounding of a policeman and the abduction of another.

Recalling a second count, the commission described as a hostile act Israeli mortar fire into Arab villages in the area of the demarcation line were claimed to have been damaged. — France-Press.

La Paz, Aug. 3. Fifty persons, including the director of the United Nations technical aid programme here, have been arrested on suspicion of complicity in a "reactionary" plot against the government, it was officially announced today.

An Interior Ministry announcement said the plot against the government's National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) was inspired and financed by a multi-millionaire tin-mine owner, Carlos Victor Aramayo.

The announcement said these arrested included members of the Opposition Republican Socialist Union Party and the Bolivian Falange Party, some army officers and representatives of the "oligarchy". They are being questioned and will be brought to trial, the announcement said.

Among those arrested in La Paz were Alberto Crespo Gutierrez, who is in charge of the U.N. aid programme; Luis Ballavien Saracho, a lawyer and former director of the Bolivia Mining Bank; the former Interior Minister, Ciro Felix Trigo; Roberto Perez Paton and German Costa, lawyers.

Other arrests were made in the cities of Oruro, Tarija and Cochabamba. The former Interior Minister, Bernardo Navajas, was held at Tarija. Gustavo Molina, managing editor of the newspaper La Patria, was taken in Oruro.

The official announcement said the plotters used women to distribute funds for a planned uprising. At least two women were arrested.

Activities in La Paz went on as usual. Large groups of armed peasants appeared in the capital to attend the opening of the third inter-American Indian Congress. Most of the 21 American Republics, including the United States, are represented in the Congress. — United Press.



A party of 100 foreign students—German, British, French and Italian—arrived at the Argosoli Cephalonic Island, Greece, recently to help in reconstruction work—for the island was badly damaged by an earthquake last year. They are staying for one month. Included in the party is Prince George of Hannover, brother of Queen Frederica of Greece, who is leading the party in the reconstruction work. The Prince is seen here, wearing a dark shirt, as he gives instructions to the students as they work. — Express Photo.

Australia Wants Foreign Ministers At Conference

Washington, Aug. 4. Diplomatic officials said today that Australia wanted the Foreign Ministers to attend the South-east Asia Treaty Organisation conference expected to be held in Baguio in the Philippines about the first week in September.

They understood that the United States, Thailand, and the Philippines subscribed to this policy and that New Zealand would certainly agree.

It appears, however, that the British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, is not contemplating so far that the conference be held at the Foreign Minister level but apparently wants it to be at working level, these sources said.

They understood that Mr Eden felt he had too much work to allow him to travel such distances as to the Philippines. However, they said, the Foreign Ministers of some of the other SEATO countries considered such a journey would be well worth while for Mr Eden as it might help to give him a firsthand appreciation of Far Eastern affairs.

They claimed that in his career as Foreign Minister Mr Eden has had few direct contacts with the Far East. The officials said these still was no agreement as to the date or place of the conference but the majority view of SEATO countries was that Baguio was the likely site and the first week in September the probable time. — United Press.

Tunisia-France Negotiations

Premier Submits Cabinet List

Tunis, Aug. 3. Premier Tahar ben Amar of Tunisia tonight submitted a Cabinet list to the Bey for approval and all indications pointed to quick acceptance and early negotiations with France for home rule. The 68-year-old middle-of-the-road Nationalist premier took just over 24 hours to put together a political team. He built his government, which will end a 47-day political vacuum in the North African protectorate, around fellow members of the Neo-Destour (now Independence) Party, informed sources said.

The composition was decided following weeks of negotiation.

Ben Amar, a wealthy land owner, was designated by the Bey, Sidi Mohammed el Amin, yesterday to head the Tunisian government. The Premier, once he has received the expected formal blessing of the Bey, will leave for France this month to begin the negotiation leading to the internal autonomy promised by M. Pierre Mendes-France.

France will keep control of the protectorate's foreign affairs and national defence. The difficult task for Ben Amar will be to draft special conventions for the 168,000 French who developed this North African waste into a thriving community.

A SUCCESS

The speed with which the Tunisian nationalists formed the government was a success for M. Mendes-France, who asked that such action be taken immediately as the first step to a new deal for Tunisia.

The Resident-General, Pierre Boyer de la Tour, who attended a press conference given by the French Minister for Tunisia and Morocco, Adolphe Christen, said: "I am convinced that the French will take for more drastic measures."

M. Fouchet said the Tunisian government "under Ben Amar" would include "not only French but also Tunisian" members. He said the French would be "in a position to take more drastic measures."

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Americans Cancel Expedition

Exeter, N.H., Aug. 3. Cancellation of a scheduled American attempt to climb Mt. Godewin, a mountain conquered by Italian mountaineers, was announced here today by Dr Charles S. Houston. Permission for the projected assault had already been granted by the Pakistani Government.

Dr Houston paid the highest tribute to the Italian mountain climbing team. "They did a magnificent job, overcoming tremendous obstacles to get to the top."

He opined that mountain climbing should be a sport and a pleasure, not a "do or die" business.

Dr Houston said the objective of his own small party was to enjoy the mountain first and reach the summit only if possible. — United Press.

Full Powers For Vietnam

Paris, Aug. 3. The French government will shortly transfer to the Vietnam government all the powers still held by the French authorities in accordance with Geneva agreements, well informed circles said here today. Thus the transfer will soon take place to the Vietnam authorities of the administration of the ports of Saigon and Haiphong, the care of lighthouses and beacons, civil airways and meteorological services, mixed courts, the control of financial exchange and transmitting. — France-Press.

CLIMBERS MISSING

Zermatt, Aug. 3. Peter Kaighen, 29-year-old land agent from Shrewsbury, and his companion, believed to be Tony Lawson, are missing after a climbing expedition to the Matterhorn, it was learned here today.

Guides said they saw two people fall from the East face of the Peak last Thursday afternoon but search parties have failed to find any trace of an accident.

Kaighen and his companion should have returned to their Zermatt hotel last Friday. They had their passports with them. — China Mail Special.

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VIETMINH MAY CAPTURE U.S. EQUIPMENT

Washington, Aug. 3.

Senator Russell Long (Democrat, Louisiana) told the Senate today that the Communists in Indo-China might capture more than \$400,000 worth of new United States military equipment now piled on docks there.

Both Mr Long and Senator Allen Frear (Democrat, Rhode Island) urged quick efforts to salvage the equipment.

Mr Long used this argument to back his pending proposal to cut more than \$1,000 million from the \$3,110 million foreign aid bill.

The Republican Senator's proposal was in the bill during today. Senator Long's proposal was the only major issue undecided as the Senate went back to work on the bill which was put aside for the debate over proposals to curtail aid to the Republic of China.

Senator Frear asked Mr Long how much United States military aid equipment for the Vietnam Government now was in Indo-China.

"I am told that as high as \$450 million worth is piled on the docks in Hanoi still in the crates," Senator Long replied.

He said another \$700 million worth of United States military equipment was in crates in the pipeline headed for Indo-China and the pending bill contained another proposed \$800 million.

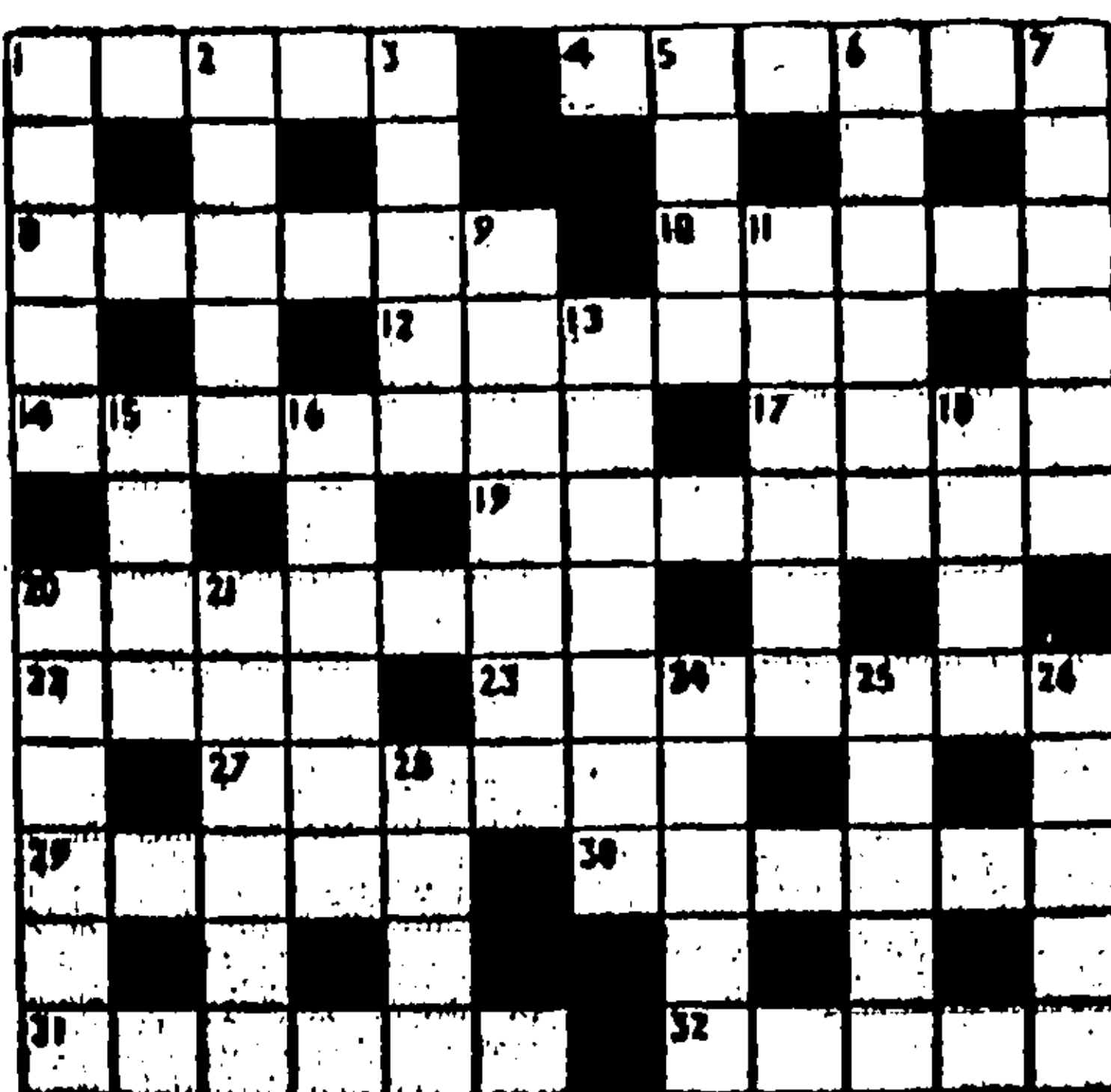
Senator Long said elimination of just these items would be more than enough to offset his proposed slash.

Senator Long argued that recipients of aid in Europe should be told that "we will show no more zeal in saving others than they show in saving themselves." — Reuter.

HAILE SELASSIE RETURNS

Addis Ababa, Aug. 3. The Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, returned to Addis Ababa and to a triumphal welcome by the flag bedecked city today, thus concluding his voyage to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Yugoslavia, and Greece, which began on May 19. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**

 - 1 Mutilated (5)
 - 4 Extreme fright (6)
 - 5 Looking-glass (6)
 - 10 Chief (5)
 - 12 Neither masculine nor feminine (8)
 - 14 Doom (7)
 - 17 Kilt (4)
 - 19 Carried too far (7)
 - 20 Liken (7)
 - 22 Heavy or fat (7)
 - 23 Drive back (6)
 - 24 Scratch (5)
 - 25 Stranding (6)
 - 26 Unmarried (6)
 - 28 Resemblance (6)

DOWN

 - 1 Ape (5)
 - 2 Enchantress (8)
 - 3 Filler (5)
 - 6 Point of compass (4)
 - 8 Bellowed (6)
 - 7 Hinder (6)
 - 9 Bitter repentance (7)
 - 11 Severe headache (6)
 - 13 Fava bean (7)
 - 15 Frodo-baggins instrument (4)
 - 16 Sardes (6)
 - 18 Hoops (4)
 - 21 Backward (4)
 - 22 On the move (5)
 - 24 Fridge (5)
 - 25 Attempt (6)
 - 27 Ring out (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE: Across: 1. Mutilated, 4. Fright, 5. Looking-glass, 10. Chief, 12. Neither, 14. Doom, 17. Kilt, 19. Carried, 20. Liken, 22. Heavy, 23. Drive, 24. Scratch, 25. Stranding, 26. Unmarried, 28. Resemblance. Down: 1. Ape, 2. Enchantress, 3. Filler, 6. Point, 8. Bellowed, 7. Hinder, 9. Bitter, 11. Severe, 13. Fava, 15. Frodo, 16. Sardes, 18. Hoops, 21. Backward, 22. On, 24. Fridge, 25. Attempt, 27. Ring.

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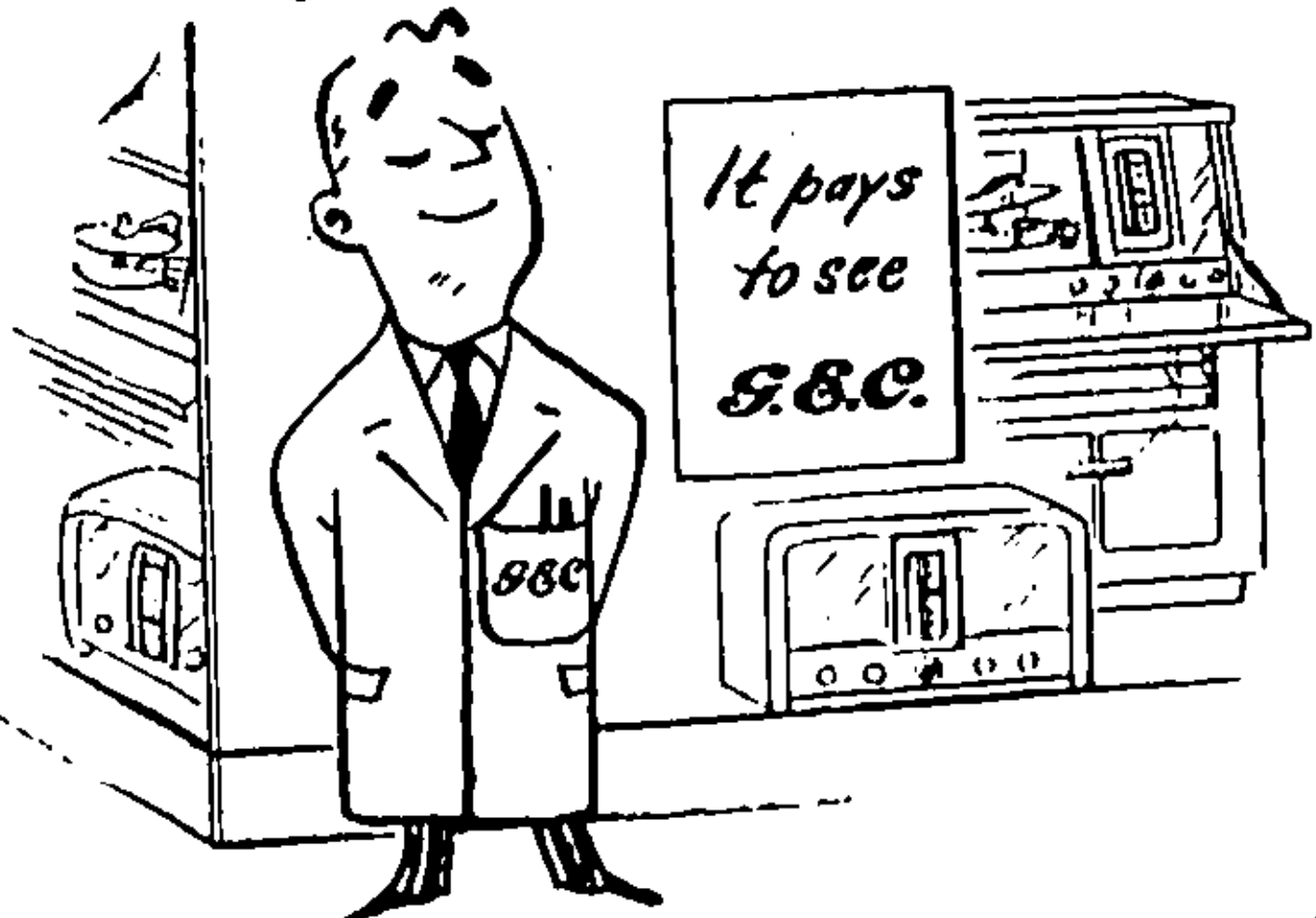
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BADER MEETS HIS SQUADRON

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR...

THE pilots were all down at the dispersals, on readiness. "A Flight" dispersal was a wooden hut on the edge of the airfield, and he pushed the door open and stumped in unheralded.

From his lurching walk they knew who he was. A dozen pairs of eyes surveyed him coolly from chairs and the iron beds. No one got up. Even the hands stayed in the pockets and the room was silent. Watchful. The duel seemed to last a long time.

At last he said, not aggressively but firmly: "Who is in charge here?"

No one answered.

"Isn't anyone in charge?"

A large dark young man said: "I guess not."

Bader eyed them a little longer, anger flaring under his collar. But it was not the moment to get tough. He turned abruptly and went out.

In "B Flight" dispersal the unresponsive eyes again stared silently. "Who is in charge here?" he asked.

After a while a thick-set young man with wiry hair and a face that looked as though it had been roughly chipped out of granite, rose slowly out of a chair and said in a strong Canadian accent: "I guess I am."

He wore only the single ring of flying officer braid round his sleeve.

"Isn't there a flight commander?"

"There's one somewhere but he isn't here," said the young man.

"What's your name?"

"Turner." And then, after a distinct pause, "Sir."

No spares, tools

BADER surveyed the watchful eyes and again turned and walked out. A dozen yards from the door stood a Hurricane. He headed for it and pulled himself up on the wing. If they thought the new CO was a cripple there was a damn good way to make them think again.

Right over the airfield for half an hour non-stop he tumbled the Hurricane round the sky, one acrobatic morning into another, without pauses to gain height again, two or three loops in a row, rolls off the top, rolls, stall turns, finishing up with a Gamcock spin in which he pulled up in a loop, flicked into a spin at the top and completed the loop. When he dropped her on to the grass and taxied in all the pilots were standing outside the hut watching, but he climbed out unaided, did not even look at them, got into his car, drove off to his office in a hangar and sent for Bernard West, the equipment officer.

"What's our equipment state?" he asked.

"Eighteen Hurricanes, sir," West said. "But we have no spares and no tools. I'm scrounging what I can, but if you do any operations they'll all be grounded in no time."

"What do you mean, no spares or tools?" Bader demanded.

West explained that they had all been lost in France. The indent forms and vouchers for a new issue made a pile six inches high, but the station stores officer said they had to go through the normal channels in their turn. West considered that the channels were well clogged.

"Well," said the new commanding officer, "well ruddy well, damn them!"

He called all the pilots to his office and they stood there bunched and shivering in front of him while he said: "You've got to get your own tools and spares."

Back in the RAF Douglas Bader is promoted to Squadron Leader and gets his first command when he is posted to Collihall, near Norwich, to take over 242 Squadron. He is warned by Air Vice-Marshal Leigh-Mallory, A.O.C. 12 Group, that the pilots are mostly intractable Canadians, whose morale is low as a result of their experiences in France. They, in their turn, hear with misgiving that they are to have a legless commander.

Within a couple of days there was a perceptible impression of the whole squadron clicking into position as a team.

Bader kept trying to get the tools and spares. About the seventh day he stamped across to the station commander and said: "Look, sir, the boys are fit for anything now, but we still haven't got our tools and spares. I've sent this signal to Group. I've handed across a slip of paper and Beisiegel read the curt message with mounting distress:

"242 Squadron now operational as regards pilots but non-operational as regards equipment."

"What d'you mean?"—aggressively.

"We lost everything we had in France."

Bader said: "I am sorry. Have you claimed an allowance for loss of kit?"

Apparently they had, and it was assumed that the claim was drifting quietly along one of the proper channels.

"Right," Douglas said. "Tomorrow the whole lot of you go into Norwich, to the tailors. Order what you want. I'll guarantee that it's paid. O.K."

A shuffle of assent.

"Right! Now..." (briskly) "Relax and take it easy. What fighting have you had and how did you get on?"

The next half-hour was a lively discussion on various aspects of the trade, and afterwards Bader interviewed each pilot in turn, finding with one exception, that he liked them very much. Suddenly they were keen and co-operative.

The stores officer at Collihall, working serenely on vouchers in his kingdom of shelves, saw two square hands descend palm down on his desk. He looked up into a pair of glowing eyes. Politely enough, Acting Squadron Leader Bader asked about the tools for his squadron, and the stores officer, shrugging at the masses of paper work, explained that he was nearly snowed under.

"I literally haven't got enough staff to type out the forms," he said frankly.

"To hell with your forms and your blanks and your blasted toilet paper," Bader said wrathfully. "I want my spares and tools, and I want 'em damn soon."

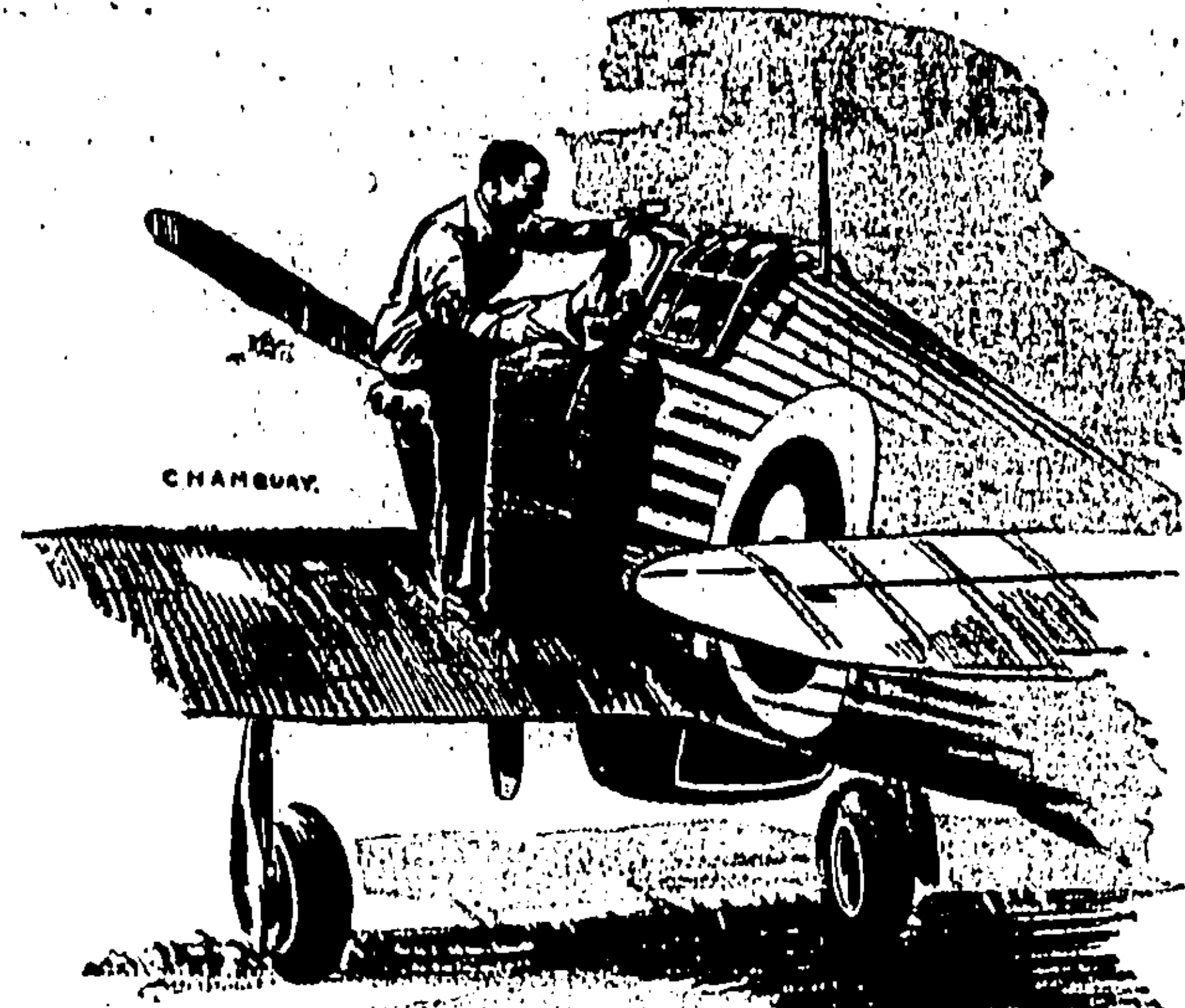
Ice was broken

BADER went to Wing Commander Beisiegel and explained that until he got tools and spares and the pilots trained under new flight commanders there was no point in regarding the squadron as operational. This was not happily received.

After lunch he began leading the pilots up in twos for formation, and was pleased to see that they knew how to handle their Hurricanes. That night in the mess he turned his sparkling charm on them. Soon the ice was broken and his pilots clustered round, laughing and talking, taking swigs at their beer and getting to know him while he, orange squash in hand, was further summing them up.

By the second morning there was already a feeling of elation about the squadron. People were talking and smiling. For the first time since the new CO had arrived, the squadron was beginning to feel like a team.

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Bader pulled himself up on the wing of the Hurricane. If they thought the new CO was a cripple, there was a damn good way to make them think again.

West broke a few moments of pregnant silence:

"Well, sir, we'll either be getting our tools or a new CO."

Bader was wanted on the telephone. He picked it up and the voice of a squadron leader (equipment) at Fighter Command Headquarters said coldly:

"Squadron Leader Bader, what is the meaning of this extraordinary signal you sent today?"

"It means exactly what it says," bluntly. "We haven't got any tools or spares and I'm going to keep this squadron non-operational till I get them."

The voice observed with severity that these were difficult times and tools and spares were short. There was a proper procedure for obtaining new equipment.

"I've carried out the correct procedure and nothing has happened," Bader snapped.

"You don't seem to care what trouble you cause," snapped the equipment officer. "The Commander-in-Chief is furious about it."

He nearly had the receiver slammed down his ear.

In the morning a little communications aeroplane landed on the airfield and Leigh-Mallory got out.

He said: "Your non-operational signal caused a mild sensation at Group. I'm afraid you're going to be sent for by the Commander-in-Chief."

Acrimonious

THE summons came. Bader flew down to Fighter Command Headquarters.

Behind a tidy desk sat the austere Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding. He passed a type-written report over, and Bader saw it was from the equipment officer—an account of the phone conversation. He glanced over it and said:

"I did have an acrimonious conversation with an equipment officer, sir, but it was between two officers of equal rank. He tried to shake me by saying you were furious about my signal and that annoyed me."

"Oh, he said I was furious, did he?" Dowding pressed his buzzer.

In a minute the equipment officer came in.

"Did you say I was furious about the signal from 242 Squadron?" Dowding asked.

"Yes, sir," said the squadron leader. "I knew you would be very angry about such a signal."

Dowding said coldly: "I will not have any officer taking my name in vain or predicting my emotions. Your job is—or was—to help the squadrons in the field. You will be off this headquarters in 24 hours."

After the equipment officer went out Dowding pressed another buzzer and shortly a grey-haired air vice-marshal walked in. "Daddy" Nichol, who looked after all equipment for Fighter Command.

At Collihall Beisiegel held an inquiry and even before the Collihall stores officer, too, had finished clearing his desk for his successor, the lorries were rolling past the guardroom and up to the maintenance hangar where West, with brisk humour, supervised his fitters unloading crates of spare wheels, spark plugs, oil legs, spanners, files, piston rings and about 400 other assorted bits and pieces.

Bader sent a signal to Group, with a copy to Fighter Command: "242 Squadron now fully operational."

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SATURDAY

Bader puts a new idea across

Nathaniel Gubbins

IF you see a girl walking about your office wringing her hands like Lady Macbeth you will arrive at one of two conclusions. You will think that either some disaster has befallen her or that she has gone crazy.

Watching her carefully you may then see her sit at her desk, cross her knees and rotate first one foot and then the other in wide circles. You will then discard your first two theories and decide that she is a bold girl making an indelicate pass at you.

If she then elevates her eyebrows, holding one up and pulling the other down, you may infer that she is either expressing surprise that you have ignored her advances or that she is taking the micky out of you.

Finally, if she cups her palms over both eyes, removes her hands, blinks at the light, and then blows her cheeks out like balloons, you may revert to your first suspicion that the poor girl is screwy.

All your theories will be wrong. She will be a girl who has been reading Anita Colby's Beauty Book, which tells her to improve her looks by five-minute exercises while at work or play.

The wringing of hands, for instance, is to avoid pudgy knuckles. She rotates her feet to burn up fatty tissue and avoid thick ankles. She elevates her eyebrows to smooth out wrinkles. She cups her hands over her eyes to rest them, for a while and make them "daisy" and then she blows her cheeks out to get rid of those mouth-to-nose furrows.

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exercise their eyeballs, twisting their trunks to keep their waists slim, blowing like whales to develop their chests, and pulling their ears up and down just for the hell of it.

But Gubbins warns them that this will get them nowhere in the office. A girl who sits on a knee scratching her head, rolling her eyes, and blowing in her manager's face will never be invited to one of those cosy little dinners after office hours.

Cricket Guide

BEING the second instalment of the Unintelligent Women's Guide to Cricket, Men are advised to cut this out and hand it to any woman pestering them with silly questions during a match in order to avoid embarrassing conversations like the following:

Question: Why is he out?

Answer: LBW, dear.

Q: What does that mean?

A: Leg before wicket, dear.

Q: Which leg?

A: It doesn't matter which leg, dear.

Q: Where's he supposed to have his legs? Behind the wicket?

A: No, dear.

Q: Always in front?

A: Yes, dear.

Q: Then why aren't they both out?

A: The ball must hit a batsman's legs, before he is given out LBW, dear.

Q: Just now the other batsman was hit on the leg by a ball. Why wasn't he given out?

A: His leg was not in front of the wicket, dear.

Q: If it wasn't in front, where was it?

A: When I say it was not in front of the wicket, dear, I mean it was not in such a position that it would obstruct the passage of the ball if the ball was going to hit one of the stumps or the balls.

Q: What do you mean by the ball was going to hit the stumps or the balls?

A: By observing the flight of the ball, dear, it is possible to judge if it

would hit any part of the wicket if not obstructed by the batsman's legs.

Q: Why shouldn't he obstruct the ball with his legs?

A: Because he could stay in all day, dear, by just stopping the ball with his pads.

Q: Doesn't he want to stay in all day?

A: Well, of course, dear.

Q: Why do you say, "Of course" in that patronising way? Do you think I'm stupid?

A: No, dear.

Q: Who decides if the ball would have hit the wicket or not?

A: The umpire, dear.

Q: How does he know?

A: He doesn't know for certain, dear. It's a matter of opinion.

Q: Suppose the umpire's a cheat?

A: Please don't shout, dear.

Q: I shall shout as much as I like. It's a free country. Suppose the umpire's a cheat?

A: English umpires are never cheats, dear.

Q: Don't talk nonsense. And why are you so red in the face?

A: I don't know, dear.

Q: Have you been drinking too much?

A: I expect so, dear.

I do not remember how many times the weather has changed from summer to winter and from winter to summer, but I do know that the limit of our endurance has almost been reached. Although it is possible to suffer one or even two major disappointments, with high courage, "hope deferred" maketh the heart sick.

Perhaps I would not have troubled you with this letter but for my concern at the declining morale of the younger bluebottles. Like some of their human counterparts, they, too, the world of today full of fears and frustrations and react in much the same way as your Teddy Boys, hanging about in idle groups with no zest for purposeful living.

Let us hope, therefore, that the weather will improve, that the younger members of our community will find some purpose in life and that we shall not be plagued by "Teddy Boys" wearing (if you will forgive my somewhat facetious allusion) "bluebottle" suits.

Hoping your wife and family are well, I remain, dear Sir, ever yours, Nathaniel Gubbins

DEAR SIR,

AS a constant reader of your column, despite the difficulty of spelling out each letter as I walk along each line, may I intrude on your valuable space to bring to the attention of the public the plight of bluebottles during an exceptionally cold summer?

No doubt you are aware of some of our habits. We hibernate during the winter in places which must remain as warm as possible. On the first warm day of spring or summer we awake vigorous and refreshed and make our first reconnaissance flight to the dustbins to satisfy appetites sharpened by six months of fasting.

Normally as the weather gets warmer and the dustbins are well stocked, we gain in strength and spirits. During July and

August we are all at the top of our form and frightfully fit.

The first warm day occurred early in May. Millions of bluebottles opened their little eyes and stretched their tiny arms to greet the sunshine. They tried their wings, buzzing quietly but happily about the kitchens and landers they know and love so well.

The older ones, who read the newspapers, knew that meat rationing has ended and bluebottles all over the country were in a long-desired season of abundance. For once young bluebottles listened without yawning to very old bluebottles talking about "the good old days."

Within 48 hours the temperature dropped several degrees. Although many of us, stunned by the cold, managed to scramble back to our winter quarters, many were caught in the open or on window panes behind curtains where they perished miserably from the blows of rolled newspapers or in the jaws of cats because they were half asleep and too weak to fly away.

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Letter from a bluebottle

YORKSHIRE WIN BATTLE OF THE ROSES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE WAR

London, Aug. 3.

Yorkshire's first victory over Lancashire since the war enabled them to improve their position at the head of the County Championship cricket table in the series of games which ended today.

None of their near rivals managed to get full points. Derbyshire (second), taking first innings points in the rain-soaked game with Warwickshire (third), were beaten, though Middlesex salvaged first innings points before losing to Sussex.

Surrey (sixth), who defeated Nottinghamshire, now join Middlesex to share fourth place with 120 points, but Surrey have a game in hand. Yorkshire have 154 points from 22 games.

Derbyshire (130 from 20) still stand in a favourable position with the leaders, Warwickshire (128 from 22), while just behind Middlesex (played 21) and Surrey (played 20) with their 120 points are Nottingham (110 from 22).

Somerset linger at the foot but slightly closed the gap with Essex by taking first innings points against Gloucestershire and with 32 points have played three fewer games than Essex (48 points from 23 matches).

Johnny Wardle failed to show the form which gave him the season's best bowling figures—nine for 25—yesterday, but here Yorkshire showed their bowling worth for Bob Appleyard, off-spinner for the Australian tour, rattled the Lancashire batsmen with seven for 33 in 23 overs.

APPLEYARD'S 3 FOR 1
Wardle took the first wicket of the day but it was mainly the spell of three for one run in 15 deliveries by Appleyard, which cost Lancashire 140 by wickets for the addition of only 17 to their overnight score, that won the game.

Nunesakes but unrelated. Syd Smith and Colin Smith had a sixth wicket stand for 47 in an hour, but once they

Liberation Shield Match On Sunday

The second match for the Liberation Shield is scheduled to take place at Cox's Path, commencing at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 15.

Interested bowlers of the respective Clubs are requested to communicate with their Bowls Convenors as early as possible.

were parted the Lancashire toll offered little resistance and Yorkshire were victorious, for the first time since the war, 15 minutes after lunch. Lancashire sportingly played on in a drizzle at the end.

Northamptonshire beat near neighbours Leicestershire at home for the first time in 15 years and it was spin bowling which was responsible. Braden's five for 51 today gave him match figures of 10 for 114, while 19-year-old Wild claimed three for 27 today with his off-spinners.

The last seven wickets fell for 47, and Andrew, who is in the Australian tour, at second wicket-keeper, broke a county record which has stood for 41 years when he dismissed Jackson, his 22nd stumping of the season. He later made it 23.

Stephenson of Somerset had eight victims behind the stumps during the drawn match with Gloucestershire. He also hit 72 for once out, while Lawrence scored 129 without being dismissed in either innings and this pair played a big part in the game. At the same time, Gloucestershire hardly gave Somerset much chance when leaving them only 205 minutes to score 332 and they were 109 behind with four wickets left when stumps were drawn.

RAIN AGAIN
Rain was so bad at Swansea, Worcester and Birmingham that the games Glamorgan-Pakistan, Worcestershire - Essex and Warwickshire-Derbyshire could not be continued today, all being left drawn.

Kent collapsed in trying to force the pace against Hampshire, seven wickets falling for 50 runs, and they were all out for 212. But Hampshire were never in sight of making the necessary 261 runs in 200 minutes. They lost six wickets for 119 and then a stubborn unbroken stand of 63 by Raymond and Salisbury held up Kent and enabled Hampshire to save the game.

After gaining first innings points against Sussex Middlesex ran into trouble, chiefly from Ockman's off-spinners. Five wickets fell for the addition of 74 before lunch and the innings closed soon afterwards for 147.

This left Sussex plenty of time to hit 173 runs for victory. David Sheppard (70) and John Langridge (65) hit most of them in an opening three-figure stand and Sussex skated home with eight wickets and half an hour to spare.—Reuter.

Major League Baseball

Detroit, Aug. 3.
Southpaw Billy Hoelt kept the Detroit Tigers in fourth place in the American League today with a five-hit, 2-0 shut-out over the Washington Senators before 3,082 fans at Briggs Stadium.

Hoelt, walked only one batter and struck out five as he recorded his sixth triumph against 11 setbacks. The victory stretched Detroit's fourth place edge over the challenging Senators to a game and a half.

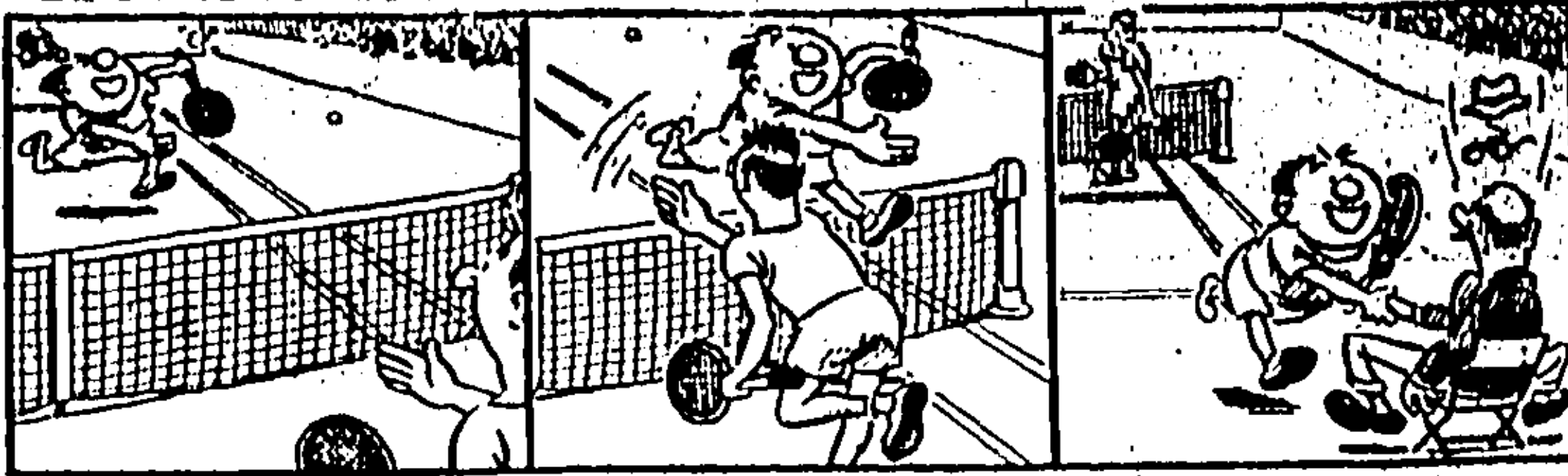
Ray Boone drove in both of the Tigers' runs. His first inning roller to shortstop sent Harvey Kuenn home from third. Boone hit his 15th homer of the season into the lower left field seats in the sixth inning for the other score.

Chuck Stobbs, another left-hander, was charged with his seventh loss against six wins. He gave up seven hits and two walks in the seven innings he worked. It was the only afternoon game.

The scores were:
American League
Washington.....R H E
Detroit.....2 7 0
—United Press.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Who'd Want To Be A Test Captain?

By FRANK ROSTON

They were sympathising last week with David Sheppard, Len Hutton's only rival, because he is not to captain the MCC in Australia.

But does he know what headaches he has missed? There is a vastly different side from the external glamour—and that is why many professionals in the past were well content to leave the job to amateurs whose living did not depend on their play.

He was dealing with complaints from the West Indian authorities. Shoals of letters, some of them abusive, and most of them posing requests or problems, were being dumped before him every day.

Len would not have been human if he had remained unshaken. He lost his grip of the Test in Bridgeport and even for the first time in my experience with him on tours of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and West Indies—lost his temper through the barracking of the crowd, and got himself out.

How Hutton continued to make runs during the tour still mystifies me. And of course he won through in the end as a captain, with his wayward team finally pulling 100 per cent behind him.

But when he lost his batting form at home this summer and had his worst ever "trot" with the bat, those of us who had watched the mental battering he had received in the Caribbean could diagnose it immediately.

The Australia tour, as Len knows from two previous tours as an ordinary "pro," poses strenuous problems of a different type. But if Len could take that West Indies tour, he can take anything.

A TASTE
This time he must have a team manager—it is still possible there may be two—who has the personality and authority to take all the off-

field political and personal problems off his mind. That will leave Hutton to get on with the thing he knows best in the world—the science and practice of cricket.

Good Luck, Len. And, meantime, sleep well.
—(London Express Service)

Kowloon Bus Team Lose To Selangor

Singapore, Aug. 3.

The touring Kowloon Bus soccer team took their second Mahayan beating today in 10 outings when they lost to Selangor State Chinese 2-1.

An ankle injury to Chu Wing-keung, weakened the visitors' attack.

The Selangor Chinese got in the first blow in the fourth minute, Poh Chiew scoring, and scored again in the 19th minute through Kong Lin-tet.

Ho Ying-fan nearly headed in twice before the interval. The tourists recharged their side in the second half when they were right on top of their opponents.

In the 13th minute Chan Kar-sau scored for the visitors. —France-Press.

HKAAA ANNUAL MEETING

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's programme for the 1954-55 season, consisting of ten meets from November 11 until April 3, 1955, was tabled and passed at the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Association held at the Conference Room of the Education Department, yesterday.

In an effort to de-centralise the organisation of the meets, the HKAAA has put three of the ten into the care of three affiliated associations—SCAA, Army and RAF.

The Hon. Kwok Chan, President of the Association, said in his opening speech: "I am sure we are all very grateful to know that the Association has passed through another successful year."

"The degree of success is, I may say, above that of previous years in that not only have we seen our athletes bettering many Colony records, but we have also had the satisfaction to have been able to send two representatives, Stephen Xavier and Chan Wai-chuen, to the Asian Games."

"Xavier claimed the distinction to have gained the only medal for Hongkong by securing third place in the 200 metres race."

"We all know that of the many different forms of sporting activities in this Colony, track and field events had in the past been unable to claim its fair share of interest from the public."

Mr. Donohue, Chairman, said that Mr. Chan had served as a very capable President of the Association, and had given every bit of help he could. He gave a vote of thanks to Lt. Colonel O.G.W. White, Vice-President, for his assistance while in Hongkong. It was a pity, he said, that Col. White could not stay permanently as he had helped the Association tremendously.

Mr. Donohue in conclusion thanked the colleagues he had worked with during the year for the co-operation they had given him.

THE PROGRAMME
The following is the programme for the 1954-55 season:
Nov. 7, Novices, Boundary Street.
Nov. 28, Ten Mile Road Race, KGV School.
Dec. 12, Open Meeting.
Dec. 19, Cross Country Championships.
Jan. 10, 1955, Invitational Meeting, Caroline Hill.
Feb. 6, Pentathlon, Caroline Hill.
Feb. 7, Decathlon, Caroline Hill.
Feb. 27, Quadrangular, Boundary Street.
March 26 and 27, Colony Championships, Government Stadium or Caroline Hill.
April 3, Combined Civilian versus Combined Services, Kai Tak.

OFFICIALS
Following are the officials elected for the ensuing year: the Hon Kwok Chan (President); Major E. R. Paterson (Vice-President); Mr. P. Donohue (Chairman); Mr. Raleigh S. M. Leung (Vice-Chairman); Mr. J. Kirkwood (Hon. Secretary); Mr. H. G. Azomo (Hon. Treasurer); and Mr. V. V. Kolatchoff (Hon. Recorder).

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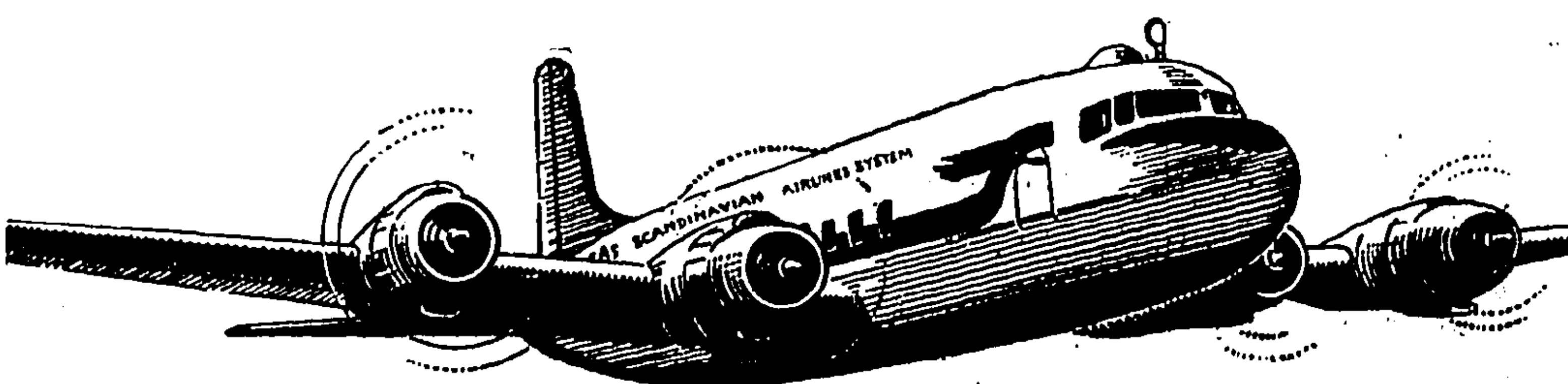
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

VISIT TO ANGELA

THE London train lay alongside its platform in the northern city's grimy cavern of a station, poised and ready for the routine run south. The station-master, strutting importantly, pulled out his watch, and by the door of the refreshment-car, the conductor handed tickets for breakfast to his first-class regulars as though he were investing them with honours.

A whistle blew, the train began to move. Farewell kisses ended and handkerchiefs came out. A hundred adventures were beginning, for every train that leaves for London from a long distance away is packed, like a crowded ant-hill, with real-life adventure stories.

THE LETTER

A MIDDLE-AGED couple who sat in a third-class compartment in this particular train, may not have looked out of it, but they were embarked on an enterprise that for them contained a frightening degree of the elements of adventure—high risks and a great prize.

They were husband and wife on their way to try to rescue their 20-year-old daughter from perils that seemed to them enormous.

What was it the letter from London had said? "Your daughter was remained in custody after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly in the West End. If you could come for the next hearing of the case, talk to Angela, try to persuade her to leave London, where she is rapidly deteriorating... she does not work here."

ANGELA'S STORY

THAT had come as a shock. When Angela left home, she said she was going to London to look for a better job in her profession—nursing.

Her parents had written to say they might be a few minutes late, but in fact they arrived at Bow Street court a moment or two before Angela was shown into the dock.

"She looks poorly," the wife whispered.

"Sssh," her husband said, looking at his daughter's plump face, whose pallor her red hair and apple-green dress heightened.

DOWNHILL

MISS HAMILTON, the probation officer, went into the witness-box and outlined Angela's story to Mr. K. J. P. Barracough, the magistrate. Three times before, during her stay in London, she had been convicted—in March, for being drunk in April, for obstructing the West End footway, in May for using insulting behaviour.

"She has been going down hill very rapidly," Miss Hamilton said, "but she says that she will go back to her parents. They are very respectable people, with a little business in the North, and they will have her back. They are coming here today, but I don't know if they've arrived..."

"Yes, yes," said Angela's father eagerly, rising from his seat at the back of the court. Angela darted a quick, grateful glance over her shoulder.

A WONDERFUL THING

"LET them come forward," said the magistrate. "Do you think you can look after her?" he asked them gently, as they stood hand in hand, by the witness-box.

"Yes, sir," said the father. "Oh, yes, please," the mother said.

"And you?" the magistrate asked Angela.

"Oh, I want to go back to them."

"Well, perhaps you can get yourself fit to be a nurse again," said the magistrate. "What a wonderful thing that would be. Very well, probation."

Later father, mother and daughter left by the afternoon train for the North. One adventure was ended, another was beginning for them all.

1,000 Volunteers Prepare For Invasion Of Goa

Bombay, Aug. 3.

The Goan Action Committee today reported that nearly 1,000 volunteers from Bombay would march into Goa on August 15.

The committee said that the volunteers would enter the Portuguese territory by routes "unknown to the Portuguese authorities."

The volunteers, who enrolled for the "freedom march", had sworn to do their utmost for the freedom of Goa "by all peaceful and legitimate means," the committee said.

Mr. V. N. Lavanje, the leader of the Indian volunteer movement which yesterday occupied the Portuguese territory of Selvasa, said at a press conference today the Azad Goan Dal movement would shortly march on Damão, another Portuguese enclave.

He said that the movement had already suffered reinforcements for this purpose, but was first sending an ultimatum to the Government of Damão, demanding that settlement's peaceful surrender.

CURFEW ORDERED

Mr. Lavanje added that a curfew had been ordered in Selvasa for fear of a Portuguese attack. The Dal administration

4 Appeals Dismissed

Burglary, Snatching
'All Too Common'

Four appeals against prison sentences were refused by Mr Justice J. Reynolds in the Supreme Court this morning. In several of the cases which concerned burglary and snatching, his Lordship said these offences were all too common in Hongkong and the sentences given were not excessive.

The two appellants in the first case were Tam Yiu, sentenced in June to a total of three years and one month for housebreaking and two of larceny, and Chung Choi, sentenced to a year and nine months on three counts of receiving stolen property.

Tam, who had admitted several other counts of theft and burglary in the Hillwood Road and Austin Road areas in June and June, asked the Judge to reduce his sentence because he had a large family to support.

Chung asked for leniency pleading that he did not know the goods were stolen.

In another appeal which he dismissed, Mr Justice Reynolds pointed out that the appellant, Wang Shum had snatched a wristwatch from a pregnant woman.

"I did not know she was pregnant for I approached her from behind," replied the appellant.

He urged the Judge to reduce the sentence of two years and 12 months which a Kowloon Magistrate had imposed on him. He said that after his previous release from prison he wished to return to Macao and, having no funds, he had no alternative but to steal to raise money for travelling expenses.

Mr Justice Reynolds pointed out that the sentence was not severe as the appellant had similar previous convictions and was a deportee.

Yuen Pak, who was given a total of 22 months in July on two counts of larceny and one of burglary, claimed that he should serve a shorter term because all the counts related to the same complainant, his former employer. He added that his entry permit to Formosa would have expired at the end of his imprisonment.

Mr Justice Reynolds said that the consecutive sentences were not unfair nor wrong in view of the fact that the offences took place on different dates and at different addresses. Moreover Yuen had a previous conviction for theft, he added.

Mr Justice Reynolds also dismissed the appeal of Chan Hing-tai sentenced to a year for burglary in July in Kowloon.

Chan, a deportee who had previous convictions for larceny, denied he committed burglary, but the Judge pointed out that he had admitted the charge.

Baby Boko's Birthday



All dressed up with bangles, a necklace, star-shaped earrings and red shoes, a little baby is ready for a big occasion. It's Boko's birthday, and there is one candle on the cake (Boko is pushing it off). Boko was enjoying her first birthday party recently in the plainly furnished two-room home at Kano, Nigeria. There were presents from the United Africa Company which employs Boko's mother, Mrs. Veronica Davies as a saleswoman, and from England. Boko walked a step or two to mark the occasion. The doctors who see her every week are pleased with the progress she has made since she was separated from her twin at the London Hospital in December. The twin died and Boko has been lonely since then. Now the doctors have given an order that may be her best birthday present: she can play with other babies.—Express Photo.

Dr Scriven Bound Over & Cautioned Pleads Guilty To Charge Of Malicious Damage

Dr Robert Douglas Scriven, 43, of 26 Island Road, Repulse Bay, was cautioned and bound over in \$100 for one year by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when he pleaded guilty to malicious damage.

Mr B. N. Cooper, of Wilkinson and Grist, represented defendant and said that the "least said is the soonest amended." His client was willing to assume an undertaking not to bother the Kwan family again.

This was accepted by the Prosecution and Mr F. X. D'Almada, who held a watching brief on behalf of the complainant, Miss Melissa Kwan.

The Police said that Dr Scriven, known to the Kwans, called at their residence at 56 King's Road, second floor, at 11 p.m. on July 20.

He rang the doorbell and although he was observed by the amah, Ho Lan, he was not admitted because she did not know him.

The defendant kept ringing for some minutes and then smashed the glass at the side of the door and returned to his car.

The occupants dialled 999 and Police investigations led to the arrest of Dr Scriven.

The Police concluded that the Kwans alleged that defendant had been bothering them for some time.

Mr Cooper first entered a plea of not guilty but reversed the plea after hearing the Police outline.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered letters posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Japan and Korea, 6 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 5 p.m. surface

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 10 a.m.
Japan and Korea, 10 a.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 11 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Indonesia, 8 p.m.
Macao, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Philippines, 8 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Japan and Korea, 6 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 5 p.m. surface

LIBEL CHARGES AGAINST BAILEY Committal Proceedings Begin At Central Court

"It is a very serious allegation, particularly against two very experienced and reputed solicitors and also the managing director of a bank," said Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, when committal proceedings against Albert Francis Bailey, 33, on six charges of libel, commenced before Mr Lawrence Leong at Central this morning.

The charges in substance allege that Bailey maliciously published defamatory libels in the form of six letters, knowing them to be false, concerning Peter H. Sin, Y. H. Chan and S. K. Yee on or about, April 9, 13, 15 and 24.

In the six letters purported to have been written by Bailey, he is alleged to have branded Messrs P. H. Sin, Y. H. Chan and S. K. Yee as "You three slimy scoundrels" and "a trio of very dirty crooks."

The accused is on \$6,000 bail. Before the Prosecution commenced, Bailey asked if he could be informed how long the Prosecution would last as he would have certain witnesses to testify on his behalf. The Crown Counsel replied that the length of the Prosecution's case depended on the cross-examination by the accused.

Opening the case for the Prosecution, Mr McRobert, (who is

assisted by Detective Insp. R. Dudman), said this case was a "little unusual."

After dealing with the legal grounds and submitting on "civil" libel and "criminal libel," Mr McRobert said these six charges related to criminal libels contained in letters sent to the three men which arose out of a number of actions in the Supreme Court. Mr S. K. Yee was the manager of the United Chinese Bank, of which accused was a client.

DIFFICULTIES AROSE

Certain difficulties arose between the Bank and the accused which ultimately resulted in proceedings issued by the bank against the accused who filed counter-proceedings and employed Mr P. H. Sin as his legal representative.

These actions were heard in the Supreme Court and a judgment was given against the accused in all the actions. Shortly after the accused changed his solicitor and employed as solicitor Mr Y. H. Chan. He lodged an appeal to the Full Court against the judgment and his appeal was dismissed, said Mr McRobert.

Then the accused began writing the letters to the two solicitors and to the manager accusing them of conspiring together to obtain judgment by fraud and subsequently conspiring together to have the judgment affirmed by the Full Court.

There are other accusations contained in these letters. I'll leave to the accused to explain what they mean because the meaning of some of them is not very clear. But it is a very serious allegation, particularly against two very experienced and reputed solicitors and also against a managing director of a bank.

VERY SERIOUS
Bailey's accusation, Mr McRobert said, was a very serious one because it also reflected on the highest court in the Colony.

This was investigated very thoroughly by the Police who had spent a great deal of time and public expense on the matter. The accused was later told by the Police that they could find nothing to support his allegations, Mr McRobert said.

As a result, the accused took further proceedings in the Full Court to try to force the Commissioner of Police to lay these charges. His application was rejected.

Sir John announced that he had heard from both Indonesia and Pakistan on the SEATO proposal. Indonesia, like India, had rejected the idea, while Pakistan had expressed willingness to discuss the matter. Burma alone had not yet communicated her views.

Sir John, who was intervening in a discussion on SEATO, indicated by the opposition in the House, said he would not like to commit Ceylon on the subject until after the Colombo conference. He would also "like to know" what alternative Mr Nehru had to offer.

Pressed by the opposition for his personal views on the subject, Sir John said: "My view is that if we have to believe the Russians and the Chinese they have to prove their bona fides.—Reuter."

25 Killed In Guatemala Rising

Guatemala City, Aug. 3. Official reports here state that fighting in the Guatemalan capital yesterday resulted in 25 deaths and 170 wounded.

Meanwhile the Junta was reported to have disintegrated at one stage and only to have regained control through diplomatic intervention and that a demonstration took place in the capital today to indicate public support of Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, who still heads the Junta.—France Press.

BALKAN PACT

May Be Signed On Monday

Belgrade, Aug. 3.

The Balkan military alliance between Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia, is likely to be signed by the Foreign Ministers of the three countries at Bled in Slovenia on Monday, officials said here today.

The Foreign Ministers are to begin the conference on Friday afternoon after arriving at Bled earlier in the day.

The Yugoslav authorities were experiencing last-minute difficulties in finding accommodation for delegations officials at Bled in August is crowded with holiday-makers.

The conference was originally to have been held on July 17, but was postponed at Turkish request.

It was understood that the difficulties which led Turkey to request more time had now been solved through diplomatic channels between the three countries and no last-minute obstacle to signature was expected.

"WATERED DOWN"

Usually reliable sources said the new draft of the alliance "watered down" to some extent earlier provisions for automatic military aid if one partner were attacked, but on the other hand it had the blessing of the Atlantic Pact members, including Italy.

Article 2 of the alliance was now believed to be similar to the Atlantic Pact commitment, that if one member should be attacked, other members would forthwith and in concert take whatever action necessary, including the use of armed forces.

Article seven of the alliance, which covered Yugoslavia's position in the event of Turkey and Greece being involved in war through their Atlantic Pact commitments, was reported to have been correspondingly modified.

The conference will close on Monday evening with a reception by President Tito for the delegations and the diplomatic corps.—Reuter.

Junkmistress Fined \$300

A 32-year-old junkmistress, Cheung Yim-tong was fined \$300 or two months' imprisonment by Mr W. R. K. Collins at the Marine Court this morning for conveying women for the purpose of prostitution.

Defendant was found guilty yesterday but the case was adjourned until this morning for further inquiries as defendant denied her three previous convictions of similar offence committed two years ago.

In court this morning, defendant admitted that she had committed the offence three times before and that she was alias Kwok Ng and Leung Tong, on which names her record of three convictions stood.

It was alleged that defendant had carried two women on board her junk to a steamer in port on Sunday night for the purpose of prostitution.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, I'm sure it's the Minister that has put him in the..."